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NEETS BAY TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Ketchikan. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information for the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA) concerning the Neets Bay Terminal Harvest Area (THA).

The Neets Bay THA is those waters of Neets Bay east of the easternmost tip of Bug Island. From Sunday, June 11, through Tuesday, August 1, the Neets Bay THA expands to include those waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of Chin Point to the closed waters at the head of the bay. The closed waters at the head of the bay are those waters east of 131°29.86' W. longitude until the barrier net is in place; at that time, the closed waters are those waters east of the barrier net.

Troll:

From 12:01 a.m., Monday, May 1, through 12:00 noon, Saturday, June 10, the Neets Bay THA will be **open for trolling** in those waters of Neets Bay west of the closed waters at the head of the bay.

The Neets Bay THA will be open to troll gear anytime the THA is open during the rotational fisheries for gillnet or purse seine gear, which are established below.

Additionally, from 12:00 noon, Sunday, June 25, through 11:59 p.m., Friday, June 30, the Neets Bay THA will be **open for trolling** in those waters of the Neets Bay THA.

Net Fisheries:

Salmon may be taken in the Neets Bay THA by **drift gillnet and purse seine gear** concurrently from 12:01 a.m., Monday, May 1, through 12:00 noon, Saturday, June 10, in those waters of Neets Bay west of the closed waters at the head of the bay.

From Monday, June 12, through Monday, June 26, 2017, salmon may be taken in the Neets Bay THA by **drift gillnet and purse seine gear** as follows:

Drift Gillnet:

12:00 noon, Monday, June 12, to 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 13;
12:00 noon, Saturday, June 17, to 12:00 noon, Sunday, June 18;
12:00 noon, Thursday, June 22, to 12:00 noon, Friday, June 23;

Purse Seine:

6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Thursday, June 15;

12:00 noon, Monday, June 19, to 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 20;

12:00 noon, Sunday, June 25, to 12:00 noon, Monday, June 26.

All Commercial Fisheries:

The Neets Bay THA will close to the harvest of salmon **by all gear groups** at 11:59 p.m., Friday, June 30, so that cost recovery and brood stock collection can take place. If additional openings can be scheduled they will be announced by News Release once cost recovery has been completed.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E0117.

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